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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5, and 7. Applicants submit that, in light of the current amendments and remarks below, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

By this amendment, Applicant has incorporated the limitations from allowable claim 4 into its corresponding independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 2 which is dependent on claim 1 now also stands in condition for allowance. Claim 8 has been canceled. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview during which the final office action rejections were discussed. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 6 will be allowed if it also incorporates corresponding limitations from allowable claim 4. By this amendment, Applicant has incorporated the corresponding limitations from allowable claim 4 into claim 6.

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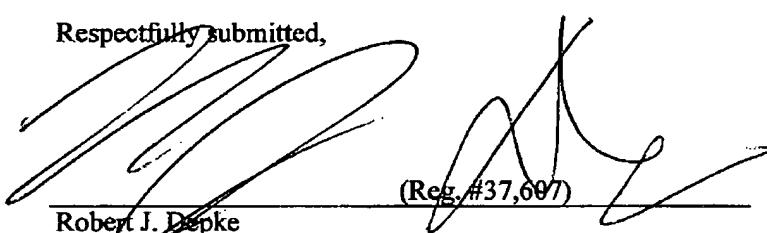
In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-1495.

Date: 2/10/06

Respectfully submitted,

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